COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the *31st of July 1933.*
16th of Karkadagam 1108.

The Council met for the Budget Session of 1108 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ernakulam at half-past Eleven of the clock with M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar Avl., Ag. Diwan and Ex-officio President in the Chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, M. A. Chakko, A. G. Menon, K. G. Nayar, E. Ikkanda Warriar, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, A. I. Mani, K. Mohamed Seethi, C. A. Ouseph and A. R. Menon were absent.

Swearing in of new Members.

M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar Avl., Ag. Diwan and Ex-officio President and Messrs. Thomas Manjuran (Government Advocate and Law Officer) and K. Narasimha Pai (Ag. Director of Public Instruction), took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

Opening Statement of the President.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the Cochin Legislative Council and my good old friends:—

Our good and Cochin loving Diwan Mr. C. G. Herbert having had to be deputed once more on State business to London, this time to give evidence before the Joint Parliamentary Select Committee on the Indian Constitutional Reforms, His Highness the Maharaja has again been graciously pleased to entrust me with the responsibility of carrying on the administration of the State during Mr. Herbert's absence. Thus it has become once more my proud and precious privilege to accord to you, my old friends, my cordial welcome to another meeting of this Council. I repeat what I said on a previous occasion, *viz.*, that I am only one among you, and I am confident that you also are pleased to welcome me back to your midst.

I expected that Mr. Herbert would return in time to preside over this important Budget Session of the Council. In fact he had arranged to sail from Marseilles on the 14th of this month, and if he had done so, he would have returned yesterday. This he could not do for unavoidable reasons. Subsequently he arranged to leave at least on the 21st of this month so that he might be here next Sunday and thus preside over the second

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